

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claims 13-17, and add new claims 25 and 26. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-12 (canceled)

Claim 13 ~~[[1]]~~ (currently amended): A wearable headset communication unit comprising a housing, a reversible earhook pivotally attached to said housing and, capable of reversing between left and right wearing positions, function switches on said housing for adjusting features of the unit's performance, a detector for detecting the position of said earhook, circuitry responsive to said detector for changing the operation of said function switches in response to detection of whether the earhook is on the wearer's right or left ear and wherein said function switch include upper and lower switches, and wherein said the function of said upper switch is swapped with said lower switch when said earhook is switched from right to left ear usage .

Claim 14 ~~[[2]]~~ (currently amended): A headset according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 13 wherein said function switch include upper and lower switches, and wherein said the function of said upper switch is swapped with said lower switch when said earhook is switched from right to left ear usage in response to detection of the orientation of the earhook.

Claim 15 ~~[[3]]~~ (currently amended): A headset according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 13 wherein said detector includes a switch in said housing for detecting the ~~present~~ presence of a portion of the earhook and wherein said earhook is configured to actuate said switch when configured for one ear and not actuate said switch when configured for the other ear.

Claim 16 ~~[[4]]~~ (currently amended): A headset according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 13 where body include a hinge and wherein said earhook includes first and second portions which rotatably engage said hinge and wherein said first portion is configured to actuate said

detector when said earhook is positioned for use on one of wearer's ears, but not the other, so that said upper and lower switches retain their same function even when their positioned are reversed when the wearer reverses said earhook from right to left usage.

Claim 17 [[5]] (currently amended): A headset according to claim [[2]] 14 wherein said detector is a switch in said housing and wherein said first portion of said earhook actuates said switch in when used on wearer's one ear and not when used on wearer's other ear, and wherein said first and second portions of said earhook which engage said hinge are non-symmetrical and wherein detector is configured to engage said first portion when said earhook is engaged on said hinges for user's one ear and to not engage said second portion when said earhook is engaged on said hinges for user's other ear.

Claim 18-24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (new): A wearable headset communication unit comprising a housing, a reversible earhook pivotally attached to said housing and, capable of reversing between left and right wearing positions, function switches on said housing for adjusting features of the unit's performance, a detector for detecting the position of said earhook, circuitry responsive to said detector for changing the operation of said function switches in response to detection of whether the earhook is on the wearer's right or left ear and wherein said function switch include upper and lower switches,

wherein said the function of said upper switch is swapped with said lower switch when said earhook is switched from right to left ear usage ; and

wherein said housing includes a hinge and said earhook includes first and second portions engaging said hinge, said portions being asymmetrical with respect to each other; and

and wherein said detector includes means for detecting the asymmetry between said portions, so that said detector can detect whether said earhook is configured for user's left or right ear.

Claim 26 (new): A wearable headset communication unit comprising a housing, a reversible earhook pivotally attached to said housing and, capable of reversing orientations of said earhook between left and right wearing positions, function switches on said housing for adjusting features of the unit's performance, means responsive to the orientation of said earhook for detecting whether said earhook is configured for user's left or right ear; and

circuitry responsive to said detector for changing the operation of said function switches in response to detection said earhook orientation.